

4. (Amended) The process according to claim 1 wherein the hydrolyzable titanium compound is an alkoxide of titanium.

5. (Amended) The process according to claim 1 wherein reaction of the gel with water is carried out with hot water.

6. (Amended) The process according to claim 5 wherein a functional molecule or a metal ion is dissolved in the hot water, thereby to dope the anatase titania or the composite oxide containing the anatase titania with the functional molecule or metallic particles.

7. (Amended) The process according to claim 1 wherein a gel film is formed on a substrate and then allowed to react with water to produce a film.

8. (Amended) An anatase titania or the composite oxide containing the anatase titania obtained according to the process of claim 1.

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